## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-164-WS - ORDER NO. 2011-51

## JANUARY 18, 2011

IN RE: Application of Kiawah Island Utility, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Its Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Service ) ORDER GRANTING

BULK WATER PASS

THROUGH INCREASE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request by Kiawah Island Utility, Inc. (the "Utility") to increase its rates for potable water to its customers as a result of an increase in the wholesale cost of potable water it purchases from the St. Johns Water Company. This request was submitted according to the procedures set forth in the "Purchased Water Adjustment" section of Order No. 2002-285 (April 18, 2002) in the Utility's last rate case. Specifically, St. Johns Water Company has revised its wholesale potable water charge to the Utility from the current rate for purchased water of \$2.347 per thousand gallons to the new rate of \$2.393 per thousand gallons, which is an increase of approximately \$0.05. It is the Utility's intent to pass this increase to each potable water consumption tier.

The request of Kiawah Island Utility is granted, allowing the Utility to pass through the increase in the bulk water rate charged by St. Johns Water Company. The approximately \$0.05 increase per thousand gallons of water may be passed on to

customers once the utility has provided at least thirty (30) days notice of this ruling to its customers.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:

David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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